

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 747

By Rich

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Chambers Walker of Somerville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of David Chambers Walker; and

WHEREAS, David Chambers Walker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, David C. Walker served with acumen and alacrity for nearly thirty-four years with Farm Bureau, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in Brownsville, Tennessee, on February 12, 1938, to Empson E. and Elizabeth Walker, David Walker attended school in Haywood County and The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. Spending the first two years of his college career at Oklahoma State University, he graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker worked at both Fort Pillow State Penitentiary and the American Cyanamid Company before being recruited to work for Tennessee Farm Bureau by his longtime friend and hunting buddy, Cotton Ivy; and

WHEREAS, quickly earning his CLU designation, David Walker became a legendary figure with the company, serving as an agency manager in Somerville and later as the regional agency manager responsible for hiring and mentoring scores of agents for Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Walker was a local Boy Scouts troop leader and Rotary Club member, winning the prestigious Four Avenues of Service Citation from the Somerville Rotary Club in 2008; and

WHEREAS, answering the call to public service, David Walker served as a reserve police officer for the Somerville Police Department until his death and was recently appointed to the Fayette County Election Commission by Representative Barrett Rich and Senator Dolores Gresham; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was an active and devout member of the Somerville First United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir for over thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, an amiable and honorable gentleman, David Chambers Walker was an avid fan of the Mississippi State Bulldogs and enjoyed spending time boating with his family and friends on the Tennessee River, sitting and swapping stories with friends at the Pit Stop in Somerville, and sharing his incisive sense of humor with dear friends throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, known to his adoring grandchildren as "Razzdaddy," David Walker was deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Martha Fields Campbell Walker, and was the proud father of Elizabeth Jane Walker and Mark Campbell Walker; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his beloved wife and two devoted children, Mr. Walker is survived by his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Boswell Walker; his son-in-law, Bill Cash; his six treasured grandchildren, Sarah Walker, Caroline Walker, David Marshburn, Erin Marshburn, Mason Cash, and Chris Cash; his sister, Ann Walker Jackson; and his brother, Empson E. Walker; and

WHEREAS, David Walker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of David Chambers Walker, reflecting fondly upon

his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.